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Dear François:

I was very gratified to receive your note. I think I do not have to reiterate my profound admiration for you and your own work, notwithstanding it has taken me more time than it should have to appreciate the full significance of your most recent experiments. It was therefore especially heartwarming to see how closely our thinking has converged during the past several months.

I am afraid we really are under terrific pressure of time and it would not be practical for us to stop over en route to and from Stockholm since there are so many things we must do in preparation for moving. It is possible that we may have just a few hours between planes at the Paris airports and I would be more than delighted if we could have an opportunity for a friendly lunch and some conversation together at the field. If this would interest you please let me know and I will give you the details of our itinerary, which may involve transferring from Orly to Le Bourget.

Let me take the occasion to bring up the question again of how delightful it would be, for my part, if it were possible to make some arrangement for us to spend perhaps six months or a year in direct collaboration. I have been rather hoping that the surroundings at Stanford, both geographic and personal, might be an added inducement for you to consider such a possibility, knowing that it also has considerable personal difficulties for you.

As ever,